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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 5 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	4433rd meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (S/2001/1132 and Corr.1)

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	75th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	76th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]; plenary meetings devoted to volunteering to mark the closing of the International Year of Volunteers:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/288);

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.27)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.3 (item 95 (c)), A/C.2/56/L.42 (item 12), A/C.2/56/L.24 (item 97 (b)) and A/C.2/56/L.30 (item 104)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7 and A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

2 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 141 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (A/56/487 and A/56/621)) and 134 (b) (Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/56/431 and Corr.1 and A/56/510 and Corr.1))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Budget for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 35
(Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies)

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 35 *today*, 5 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on agenda item 33
(Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 33, organized by the delegation of Greece, will be held *today*, 5 December 2001, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20
(Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations of the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (c) (Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster), followed by informal consultations on the draft resolution on the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the developments in the Balkans, under agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions), organized by the delegation of Ukraine, will be held *today*, 5 December 2001, at 6.15 p.m. in Conference Room E. All delegations are invited to attend.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 5 December 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.11 (item 98 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.21 (item 97 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.20 (item 98), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Economic and Social Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.41 (item 98 (f)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.39/L.40 (item 102), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/56/L.26 (item 96 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations to prepare negotiations on the consolidated text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing (3-7 December 2001). The next informal consultations will be held *today*, 5 December, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 5 December 2001

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 106 (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries); draft resolution on land-locked developing countries)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1 p.m.- 1.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.26)

1.30 p.m.- 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)))

1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee) today*, 5 December 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) will hold the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services *today*, 5 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Permanent Mission of Germany (The German House, 871 United Nations Plaza, 22nd Floor). For further information, please contact UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Informal meeting

An informal meeting, organized by the Group of 77 and Mexico, to discuss the draft resolution on the international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development, under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), will be held *today*, 5 December 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 6 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 77th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [21]

(a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/171)

(b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/390)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.34)

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/302)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.31)

(d) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/398)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.36)

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/474)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.26)

(f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/996, A/56/449)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.35)

(g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/301)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.25)

h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/122)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.32)

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/125)

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/489)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.37)

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Preparatory Commission (A/56/317)

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

(i) (Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Organization (A/56/490)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.30)

(m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum: draft resolution (A/56/L.29)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (a) (Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (a), organized by the delegation of Sweden, will be held on Thusday, 6 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 20, organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Thursday, 6 December 2001, in the morning, in Conference Room 7, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations on agenda item 20 (a), organized by the delegation of Sweden. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Thursday, 6 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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The Chairperson of Working Group II of the Disarmament Commission dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) invites all delegations to an informal meeting to be held on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed session of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will be held from 10 to 14 December 2001.

The consolidated text of the International Strategy may be viewed and downloaded on the Web site of the United Nations Programme on Ageing at the following address: (<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/ageing/waa/strategycons.doc>). Copies of the text are also available outside of the office of Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1370).

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than Friday, 7 December 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following consultations with delegations, the Facilitator for the International Conference on Financing for Development, Mr. Mauricio Escanero, has scheduled the release of the revised draft outcome document of the Conference for Thursday, 6 December 2001, at which time it will be posted on the Financing for Development Web site (<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal meeting

There will be a presentation on the Multinational United Nations Standby Forces High Readiness Brigade (SHIRBRIG) by the Permanent Mission of Norway and the Norwegian SHIRBRIG Presidency, on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of C-34, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of their International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday to Thursday, 10 to 13 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at United Nations Headquarters.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is *today*, 5 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. Members from United Nations agencies are also encouraged to apply. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 11 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Monday, 3 December 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 4 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

74th plenary meeting

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [48]

(a) Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa (A/56/45)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/371)

(c) Draft resolution (A/56/L.28)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 48.

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, Argentina, Mozambique, Morocco, Uruguay, Eritrea, the Russian Federation, Malaysia, Sierra Leone, Chile, Japan and Nigeria.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 73rd plenary meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.28 (resolution 56/37).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 48.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.27

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), reported on the outcome of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.27 and orally amended the resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(a) Trade and development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.36

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 74 to 1, with 47 abstentions.

The representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The following representatives made statements: Pakistan, Dominican Republic, Myanmar, Uganda, Bangladesh, Cape Verde, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Gabon.

(b) International financial system and development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.33 and A/C.56/L.44

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.44, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.33.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Belgium made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.44, as orally corrected.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.44, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.33 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda sub-item 95 (b).

(d) External debt crisis and development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.32 and A/C.2/56/L.43

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.43, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.32.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.43.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.43, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.32 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda sub-item 95 (d).

Environment and sustainable development [98]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.10 and L.48

The Committee was informed that Armenia and Japan had joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.10.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.48, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.10.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.48.

The representative of Tajikistan made a statement.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.48, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.10 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(b) International strategy for disaster reduction

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.12 and L.46

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.46, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.12.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.46.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.46, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.12 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [101]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.29

The Committee was informed that Djibouti should have been listed among the original co-sponsors of the draft resolution instead of Denmark. The Committee was also informed that Senegal had subsequently joined in co-sponsoring the resolution.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), informed the Committee on the outcome of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.29.

The Committee then proceeded to a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Israel.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.29 was then adopted by a recorded vote of 131 to 3, with 2 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Japan.

The representatives of Mozambique, Uganda and Bangladesh stated that had they been present at the time of the vote, they would have voted in favour of the resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Globalization and interdependence [105]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.34 and L.47

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.47, which was submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.34.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.47.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.47, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.34 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [107]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.31 and L.45

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.45, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.31.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.45.

The representative of Japan made a statement.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.45, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.31 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft decisions I and II contained in Chapter VII, Section A, of document A/56/28

The Committee adopted the draft decisions.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 106 on the least developed countries was Wednesday, 5 December, at 6 p.m.

Other matters

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), responded to a question raised by the representative of the United States.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement and drew the attention of the Committee to the revised programme of work for the week of 3 to 7 December 2001.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. New York, 30 March 1961

Succession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (3 December 2001)*

Convention on psychotropic substances. Vienna, 21 February 1971

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (3 December 2001)*

Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. Geneva, 25 March 1972

Succession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (3 December 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. New York, 8 August 1975

Participation : Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (3 December 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Kenya (4 December 2001)

Signature: Rwanda (4 December 2001)

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Signature: Congo (4 December 2001)

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Volunteer Day

Today, 5 December 2001, International Volunteer Day, at 12 noon, immediately following the adjournment of the 75th plenary meeting of the General Assembly, an informal segment of the General Assembly marking the closing of the International Year of Volunteers 2001 (IYV), to be presided by the President of the General Assembly, will take place in the General Assembly Hall. The event will be held in connection with the two plenary meetings of the General Assembly, which will be devoted to volunteering as decided by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/57. Guest speakers will include His Royal Highness Prince of Asturias, D. Felipe de Borbon of Spain, and Dr. Nafis Sadik, former Executive Director of UNFPA, both appointed IYV Eminent Persons by the Secretary-General. Closing remarks will be made by the Secretary-General. The special event will be webcast live at the following address: <http://www.un.org/webcast/events/iyv>. Information and documentation can be obtained on the official Web site for the International Year (<http://www.iyv2001.org>). For more information, please contact Ms. Yuko Osawa at United Nations Volunteers (tel.: (212) 906-3634).

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Human Rights Day

A forum on the media's impact on today's United Nations anti-discrimination agenda, entitled "News vs. Propaganda: The Gatekeepers' Dilemma", will take place on Thursday, 6 December 2001, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4. This event, held as part of the regular DPI/NGO briefing programme in observance of the Human Rights Day, will feature Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights; Lakhdar Brahimi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan; Hafez Al Mirazi, Washington Bureau Chief, Al Jazeera; Steve Williams, Senior Editor, BBC World News; Karen Curry, Vice-President and New York Bureau Chief, CNN; Mathatha Tsedu, Deputy Chief of News, South African Broadcasting Corporation; Abdel Bari Atwan, Editor-in-Chief, Al Quds Al-Arabi; and Barbara Crossette, Correspondent, New York Times. Shashi Tharoor, Interim Head of the Department of Public Information, will be the moderator of the forum. The event is organized by the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of the non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Laufey Love, Public Affairs Division, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-3507) or Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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Special event

In support of the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC), will hold a special meeting on the theme "Music, Culture, Technology and Healthcare" on Thursday, 6 December 2001, from 2.15 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be among the participants. Further information can be obtained at the following Inrernet address: <http://www.un.org/events/dec_6htm>. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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International Year of Mountains

The global launch of the International Year of Mountains 2002 will take place on Tuesday, 11 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The former President of the Swiss Confederation, H.E. Mr. Adolf Ogi, will preside. Welcoming remarks will be made by H.E. Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, Vice-President of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will make an address on behalf of the Secretary-General. Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, will deliver a keynote address on the International Year of Mountains. Brief statements will be made by H.E. Mr. Kurmanbek Bakiev, Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, and Mr. Diego García Sayán, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru. Mr. Nitin Desai will moderate a round table discussion, followed by a debate, on "Three Conditions for Sustainability in Mountain Development". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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